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Application of Cryptanalytic Techniques to the Analysis of NiCd Space Batteries

A large number of NiCd space batteries have been tested for several years by charging and discharging while taking measurements of voltage during cycling. The data collected as a result of these tests was examined by cryptanalytic techniques to determine patterns from which to hypothesize failure modes and mechanisms. By using Bi-gram and Tri-gram tables, a correlation between various failure modes and mechanisms and specific manufacturers can be made. Study of these tables should enable engineers to design more reliable batteries.

Computer programs have been written to reduce the test data for any desired interval of time or for any selected measurement parameters. The results of these programs provide accurate predictions of cell failure several thousand cycles before actual failure.

Notes:

1. This information may be of interest to designers, manufacturers, and users of NiCd batteries.

2. The following documentation may be obtained from:

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